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TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN, DR

SUBJ: REQUEST BY PARAMOUNT FILM

FOR AMBASSADOR HURWITCH

1. MR. JACK VALENTI, PRESIDENT MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION, HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH EMBASSY BUILDING FROM OUTSIDE AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLETION OF A PARAMOUNT FILM DEALING WITH THEME OF BATISTA'S OVERTHROW BY CASTRO.

2. VALENTI SAID AMERICAN EMBASSY AT SANTO DOMINGO CLOSELY RESEMBLES FORMER U.S. CHANCERY BUILDING IN HAVANA AND IS NEEDED AS BACKGROUND TO FILM SCENE OF BATISTA SYMPATHIZERS FLEEING CUBA. WHAT IS DESIRED IS PERMISSION TO FILM FRONT IRON GATES LEADING TO THE EMBASSY AS WELL AS FILMING THE OUTSIDE OF THE EMBASSY BUILDING FROM INSIDE THE GROUNDS SURROUNDING THE CHANCERY. LOCAL DOMINICANS, PORTRAYING BATISTA FOLLOWERS SEEKING TO LEAVE CUBA, WILL BE HIRED AS ACTORS. ENTIRE FILMING CAN BE COMPLETED IN ONE DAY.

3. WHILE WE PERCEIVE NO SECURITY OR PUBLIC RELATIONS OBJECTIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS BY
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OCTOBER 29. VALENTI ALSO INDICATED GODR "WAS DELIGHTED"

THAT PARAMOUNT INTENDED TO FILM IN DR, BUT EMBASSY'S
ESTIMATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS TO GODR'S REACTION TO
PARAMOUNT'S PRESENCE AND PROPOSED FILMING OF U.S. EMBASSY.

4. FYI WE UNDERSTAND THAT FILM WILL BE A SEQUEL TO "THE
GODFATHER" AND DEAL WITH CORLEONI FAMILY AND ALLEGED MAFIA
CONNECTIONS TO BATISTA REGIME. END FYI. KISSINGER

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